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Election to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In a letter dated 2 July 2014, Cong Jun (China) notified the Secretary-General, through the Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, of her decision to resign as a member of the Committee with immediate effect. Ms. Cong's term of office was due to expire on 31 December 2016. The present members of the Committee are listed in annex II to the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2013 (A/67/3/Rev.1).

2. In a note verbale dated 7 July 2014, the Secretary-General informed the States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from the regional group of Asian States of Ms. Cong's resignation. In accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 and rule 12 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Secretary-General invited the States concerned to submit, by 7 September, their nominations for membership in the Committee to fill the vacancy therein for the remainder of Ms. Cong's term of office.

3. As at 7 September 2014, the Secretary-General had received the nomination of CHEN Shiqiu, submitted by China. Biographical information on Mr. Chen is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

CHEN Shiqiu (China)

Date and place of birth: 4 November 1938, Anhui Province, China

Education

1987	International Institute of Humanitarian Law (Italy)
1960-1964	Foreign Affairs College, major in international law and international relations
1960	Hefei Industry University, major in political economics and sociology
1957-1960	Hefei Industry University, major in civil engineering

Positions held

2012-	Member of Chinese Society of International Law
2009-	Part-time Professor in China University of Political Science and Law
2006-	Part-time Professor in Xi'an Jiaotong University
2004-	Council Member, then Deputy Chair of the United Nations Association of China
2002-	Council Member, then Deputy Chair of the China Society for Human Rights Studies
1986	Associate Professor, then Professor in China Foreign Affairs University

Work experience

2002-2006	Ambassador, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China
1998-2002	Ambassador to Indonesia
1995-1998	Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China
1990-1995	Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna, to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and to the International Atomic Energy Agency

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

1986-1990	Counsellor, then Deputy Director-General, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1982-1986	Second Secretary, First Secretary, then Counsellor in the Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
1979-1982	Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1972-1979	Attaché in the Chinese Embassy in Ghana

Other experience

1996-1998	Deputy Chair of Chinese Society of International Law
1986-1990	Council Member of China Disabled Persons' Federation
1986-1990	Council Member of Red Cross Society of China

Participation in international human rights activities

2007-2012	Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee
2002-2006	Independent Expert of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights
2006-	Member of Steering Committee of the Asia-Europe Meeting Informal Seminar on Human Rights
2002-	International human rights seminars held in China, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Malaysia, Viet Nam and Uzbekistan
2005	Chair of Human Rights Panel of Congress on the Law of the World (Shanghai, China)
1993	Deputy Representative of the Chinese delegation, World Conference on Human Rights
1980-1990	Adviser and Deputy Representative of the Chinese delegation, annual meetings of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights
1981-1997	Adviser, Deputy Representative, then Representative of the Chinese delegation, United Nations General Assembly and its Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
1991-1994	Deputy Representative of Chinese delegation, annual meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

1985	Adviser of Chinese delegation, World Conference against Racism
1982-1986	Deputy Representative of Chinese delegation, annual meetings of the United Nations Economic and Social Council
1990	Deputy Representative of Chinese delegation, International Conference on Crime Prevention
1987-1990	Adviser of Chinese delegation, annual meetings of the Interparliamentary Union

Participation in other international meetings and negotiations

2006-2014	Head of Chinese delegation, Technical Committee Meetings on Maritime Cooperation between China and Indonesia
1996-2013	Representative of Chinese delegation, Workshops on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea
2012-2013	Representative of Chinese delegation, Expanded ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Maritime Forum
2011	Representative of Chinese delegation, South China Sea Forum
1996, 2002-2005	Representative of Chinese delegation, annual sessions of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting
2007	Representative of Chinese delegation, 4th meeting of the Asia-Europe Meeting Counter-Terrorism Conference (Tokyo)
2006	Representative of Chinese delegation, 3rd meeting of the Asia-Europe Meeting Counter-Terrorism Conference (Copenhagen)
2005	Deputy Representative of Chinese delegation, Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (Nairobi)
1996-1997	Representative of Chinese delegation, annual meetings of the International Sea Bed Authority
1996-1997	Representative of Chinese delegation, Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on the Law of the Sea
1991-1995	Deputy Representative and then Representative of Chinese delegation, General Conferences and Meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency

1994	Representative of Chinese delegation, Convention on Nuclear Safety Diplomatic Conference
1991-1995	Deputy Representative and Representative of Chinese delegation, General Conferences and Meetings of the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization
1991-1995	Deputy Representative of Chinese delegation, annual meetings of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme
1980-1990	General Conferences or Meetings of the Board of Governors of the World Health Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
1980	Adviser of Chinese delegation, International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees